

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 11 2016, at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Annex**

**Members in attendance:** Stephanie Cunningham (SC) Lawrence Neal (LN), Ted Tarr (TT), Peter Van Demark (PV)

**Members absent:** None

**Guest in attendance:** Tom Mikus

**7:35PM Meeting called to order**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by LN seconded by TT to approve the March 14, 2015 minutes. The motion passed on a 4/0 vote.

**GIS and Trail Mapping:**

Nick Holland from Cape Ann Trails has requested a review of their current trail maps of Rockport. We reviewed the map he is proposing for the Waring Field kiosk. Changes: noted name should be changed from Delemater Sanctuary to **Waring Field & Delemater Sanctuary**. Trails should be added from **Delemater to water tower** and from **golf 2<sup>nd</sup> tee to 4<sup>th</sup> tee** and from **4<sup>th</sup> tee to water tower**. SC will try to walk the area this weekend, record with GPS, and make condition notes.

This will also help with our goal to develop a priority for a protection list of the private parcels that have the most important trails passing over them.

PV has used a variety of information to fill in trails in the South Woods. Trails are around Kelley Farm Pond, Cape Pond, top of Frank Street and end of Lane Farm Road.

In discussing identifying trails being passable and in good condition, we will try to find someone who rides trails on horseback. Our assumption is, if the trail condition will support a horse, it should be open and in good condition for walkers. LN will ask Con Agent to contact Lane's Farm.

**Using new town web site to promote committees work and information:**

We will add to the OSRC page on the town web site links to various private organizations publishing local trails, such as ECGA, OpenStreetMap, and Cape Ann Trails. We will continue to work closely with Cape Ann Trails to share our most current Rockport trail information. We will add a note about the trails not being town information or town verified.

**Draft Plan Update:** PV has created a DropBox folder containing our plan updates. A link to the folder has been distributed to member's emails. LN has contacted Melissa Cryan from the State about requirements for plan update. It is the same process as the original approval: solicit comments on our draft from BSO, Planning Board, ConCom, ROW, and public through meeting and plan available at library and town hall. OSRC review and update of plan outlined by section in state OSRC plan workbook.

**Grants:** SC has contacted Melissa Cryan, also state grant manager, about grant information for developing and improving trails. Also noted PARC and LAND grants have just been funded for CY2017, applications due July 2016.

**Future Meeting Dates and Topics:**

Next meeting: Second Monday in May 2016. Continue work towards a short list of private parcels for protection; meeting at Town Hall Annex.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:20PM LN motioned to adjourn, SC seconded. Vote passed 4/0

These minutes prepared by LN